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For: ENZYMES HAVING ESTERASE ACTIVITY
AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

Examiner: Rebecca E. Prouty

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the non-final office action, mailed May 05, 2005 (the OA), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due August 05, 2005. Applicants herein submit a petition for a three month extension of time to November 05, 2005, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter; Fee Transmittal; Petition for 3 month extension of time; Copy of Petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) as filed with the Patent Office May 13, 2004; Substitute Application Data Sheet (ADS); and Return Receipt Postcard.